

Oswald as Agent
Early federal efforts to hide
Hudkins-Reville

11/27/68

3887, folder 3, 540, is a Houston SJ report of an interview with Hudkins at Reville's request (Reville is now with the State). It is conspicuous that there is no reference here to his report that Oswald was an agent.

CD385:106 also goes into other things, not this, at the time the papers were carrying stories that O was an agent, esp. Hudkins', by him. It is FBI, is a paraphrase, and is careful not to omit all reference to it, being a meaningless one that could later be pointed up to as an escape;

3883 has a misleading synopsis, saying almost nothing about the subject of the investigation, the report that Oswald was a federal agent, evading the essence by quoting Coulden as recalling no conversation with Hudkins on Oswald as an agent "in which Coulden said Oswald was FBI informant". It does not have it the other way, with the report coming from Hudkins, or with Oswald having any other than an FBI connection. It is half as long as the brief 2/12/64 report which also fails to go into the substance of Oswald as an agent, which, I believe was a story the Inquirer carried.

The utter meaninglessness of these reports of fake investigations gets real meaning when compared with the knowledge of the Commission, the FBI and the Secret Service, in advance of the interviews. These are merely coverup interviews, useable as later reference, when it could have been said, "Oh, yeah, we saw him. He had nothing to say that meant anything. Wanna see the reports?"

I believe these reports require further interest. I am asking the Archives for any additional ones they have.